

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
FOR PALANI ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
ISLAND OF HAWAII, HAWAII**

NPDES PERMIT NO. HI S000073

06-CW-PW-29

August 18, 2006

The State Department of Health ("DOH"), tentatively proposes to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit to discharge storm water runoff from the Palani Road Safety Improvements ("Project") to receiving State waters, subject to special conditions to:

**COUNTY OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The proposed draft permit will expire on midnight five (5) years from the date of issuance.

The purpose of the proposed Project is to construct an extension and realignment of Kealakaa Street from the area just past Kealakehe Elementary School to the intersection of Palihiolo Street and Palani Road. This will create an intersection with traffic signal and turning lanes. The new Kealakaa Street extension will be approximately 800 linear feet with a 65-foot right-of-way, 2, 11-foot lanes with new curb and gutter, and 5.5-foot wide concrete sidewalks on either side. Palani Road will be widened to add a separate left turn lane and a sidewalk which will be 5.5 feet wide in the area south of the existing pedestrian bridge and 7 feet wide to the north of the existing pedestrian bridge. The proposed Project is located in North Kona, Hawaii.

Storm water run-off associated with construction activities from the Project is permitted to discharge to the receiving State water named the Pacific Ocean after the implementation of Best Management Practices. The discharge enters State waters between the following coordinates: Latitude 19°38'52"N and Longitude 156°01'57"W; and Latitude 19°38'22"N and Longitude 156°00'19"W.

The receiving water is classified by the DOH as a Class AA, Marine Water. The objective of Class AA waters is to remain in their natural state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum of pollution from any human-caused source. To the extent practicable, the wilderness character of these areas shall be protected.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed NPDES permit or to request a public hearing, should submit their comments or requests in writing no later than 30 days after the date of this notice, either in person or by mail, to:

Office Address:

Clean Water Branch
Environmental Management Division
Department of Health
919 Ala Moana Boulevard
Room 301
Honolulu, HI 96814-4920

Mailing Address:

Clean Water Branch
Environmental Management Division
Department of Health
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378

Copies of the proposed draft permit, and other information are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m., at the DOH office address shown above, and at the Hawaii District Health Offices located at 1582 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, and at the Keakealani Building, 79-1020 Haukapila Street, Room 109, Kealahou, HI 96750. Copies may be bought. The draft permit and fact sheet are also available on the internet at <http://www.state.hi.us/doh/eh/cwb/pubntcs/index.html>. For more information or if you have special needs due to disability that will aid you in inspecting and/or commenting on the draft permit and related information, please contact Mr. Alec Wong, Supervisor of the Engineering Section, Clean Water Branch, at the above address or (808) 586-4309 (Voice) at least seven (7) days before the comment deadline. For those who use a TTY/TDD, please call through Sprint Relay Hawaii, at 1-711 or 1(877) 447-5991.

All comments and requests received on time will be considered. If DOH determines that there is significant public interest, a public hearing may be held after at least 30 days of public notice.

If DOH's position is substantially unchanged after considering all timely written comments and all oral comments at any public hearing that may be held, then the DOH will issue the NPDES permit and this action will be final.

Please notify anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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